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THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA AND ADJACENT PARTS, FOR A. D. 1834.

On the first Sunday in May, being the 4th day of the month, the Ministers and Delegates of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the State of North Carolina and adjacent parts assembled in Synod, at St. Paul's Church, Wythe County, Virginia, for the transaction of business.

On Saturday previous, a numerous congregation were edified by impressive discourses, preparatory to the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The Rev. Jacob Scherer spoke in the German language, from the Songs of Solomon, Vth chapter and 2d verse, "I sleep, but my heart waketh; it is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, saying, Open to me my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled; for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night." The Rev. Daniel Jenkins preached from Revelations, IIId chapter and 20th verse, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." Another discourse was pronounced in the English language, by the Rev. William Artz, from Luke, XXIId chapter and 15th verse, "With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer." After which, the congregation united with their Pastor in humble confession and prayer to the Throne of Mercy, which is made accessible through the blood of the everlasting covenant, that they might be duly prepared to celebrate the Supper of their Lord, to realize all the honor and blessedness of belonging to Him, and of being united to Him forever. After singing and prayer, the congregation were dismissed.

On Sunday morning, notwithstanding the descent of rain, a numerous congregation assembled in the Church, for worship. The services of the sanctuary were commenced by the President, who preached a Sermon in the German language, from 1 Timothy, IVth chapter and 8th verse, "For bodily exercise profiteth little; but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come." The Secretary delivered a discourse in the English language, from Revelations, XXIId chapter and 17th verse, "And the spirit and the bride say, come;

and let him that heareth say come; and let him that is athirst say come; and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." During which, the weather becoming more favorable, and the concourse of the people greater, the Rev. Messrs. S. Rothrock and D. Jenkins repaired to a stand erected in the woods near the Church, to conduct the exercises of divine worship. The Holy Communion was subsequently opened, by the Rev. Jacob Scherer, and the Sacrament of the Altar instituted by Christ, that we may obtain all the benefits that flow from His death, His resurrection, and His glory, was administered to the members of the Synod, to the members of the congregation, and several Christian friends from neighboring Churches.

With thanksgiving and praise to God for the means and opportunities afforded us for strengthening our attachment to His divine Son—for having our hearts replenished with love to Him, with love to our Redeemer, and with love to all our fellow-men—and with earnest prayers that the Lord would bless the seed of the Word which were sown this day—the worship was concluded.

MONDAY MORNING, MAY 5th.

After singing a Hymn, the session of the Synod was opened with prayer by the President.

The names of the members were read by the Secretary, and the following gentlemen took their seats, viz:

ORDAINED MINISTERS:

Rev. Jacob Scherer, Wythe County, Va.
Rev. Henry Græber, Rowan County, N. C.
Rev. Andrew Seechrist, Washington County, Va.
Rev. William Artz, Orange County, N. C.

LICENCIATES:

Rev. Adam Grimes, Surry County, N. C.
Rev. Samuel Rothrock, Rowan County, N. C.
Rev. Daniel Jenkins.

The following brethren were absent:

Rev. Daniel Scherer, Hillsborough, Illinois.
Rev. Jacob Miller, Davidson County, N. C.
Rev. William Jenkins, Shelbyville, Tennessee.
Rev. Jacob Greison, Guilford County, N. C.

The following brethren presented their certificates as Lay-Representatives:

Thomas J. Myers, from Rev. A. Seechrist's congregations.
Christopher Brown, Esq., from Rev. Jacob Scherer's congregations.

John Scherer, from Rev. Wm. Artz's congregations.
Philip Edleman, from Rev. H. Græber's congregations.
Christian Rhinehart, from Rev. A. Grimes's congregations.

The Synod having been duly constituted, the Rev. President made his Report; which was laid on the table; and he then informed the members of the election of Officers for the ensuing year.

The Synod then proceeded to hold an election; and, on counting the votes, it appeared that the following persons were chosen, viz:

Rev. Henry Græber, *President;*
Rev. William Artz, *Secretary;*
Rev. Samuel Rothrock, *Treasurer.*

The Rev. Daniel Jenkins stated that the Rev. W. C. Bennett was appointed to attend this body as a Ministerial Delegate from the Classes of the German Reformed Church in this State, but could not attend, on account of their meeting happening so near the time of ours.

The Rev. D. Jenkins was invited to take part in the deliberations and privileges of the members of this Synod.

The Rev. Messrs. Marshall and Yost, of the Episcopal Methodist Church, were introduced and invited to take seats as advisory members of this body.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Rev. S. Rothrock stated that he visited the congregation in Iredell County, but did not visit those in Lincoln County, being prevented by family circumstances.

Resolved, That he be excused.

All the letters, papers, and petitions, intended for the Synod, were handed in, and were arranged by the President and Secretary, and numbered.

Resolved, That they be referred to Committees for examination, and that the President appoint said Committees.

No. 1 was referred to Rev. J. Scherer, Rev. D. Jenkins, and Mr. Philip Edleman.

No. 2 was referred to Rev. Wm. Artz, Rev. S. Rothrock, and Mr. John Scherer.

No. 3 was referred to Rev. Wm. Artz, Rev. H. Græber, and Mr. Christopher Brown.

No. 4 was referred to Rev. A. Seechrist, Rev. A. Grimes, and Mr. Christian Rhinehart.

No. 5 was referred to Rev. S. Rothrock, Rev. Jacob Scherer, and Mr. Thomas J. Myers.

Resolved, That the Synod adjourn until after sermon.

The Rev. H. Græber preached in the Church, in the German, from Ephesians, IIId chapter and 19th verse, "And to know the

love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye may be filled with all the fullness of God."

The Rev. S. Rothrock preached at the stand, in the English language, from Hosea, XIIIth chapter and 9th verse, "O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself, but in me is thy help."

The Synod resumed its business at 3 o'clock P. M.

The Ministers were called upon to hand in their Parochial Reports, which are as follows:

Rev. A. Grimes—Congregations, 2; Baptized, infants, 6.

Rev. A. Seechrist—Congregations, 4; Baptized, in six months, 14; Buried, 2.

Rev. Daniel Scherer—Congregation, 1; Communicants, 94; Baptized, infants, 37; Confirmed, 10.

Rev. Henry Græber—Congregations, 3; Baptized, infants, 131; Confirmed, 100; Communicants, 780; Deaths, 17; S. Schools, 2.

Rev. Samuel Rothrock—Congregations, 3; Baptized, infants 72, adults 14; Confirmed, 77; Communicants, 202; Deaths, 29.

Rev. William Artz—Congregations, 5; Baptized, infants, 66; Confirmed, 18; Communicants, 242; Deaths, 15; S. Schools, 2.

Rev. G. Shober—Confirmed, 1; Baptized, infant, 1.

Rev. Jacob Scherer—Congregations, 6; Baptized, infants 60, adults 4; Confirmed, 27; Communicants, 303; Deaths, 8; Sunday Schools, 2.

Making, in all, 24 Congregations—Baptized, infants 387, adults 18—Confirmed, 233—Communicants, 1621—Deaths, 71—Sunday Schools, 6.

The Treasurer of the Synod for the last year being absent, the Rev. H. Græber handed in his Report, which was read.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed, by the President, to examine and report on the same.

The Rev. Jacob Scherer, the Rev. S. Rothrock, and Mr. Christopher Brown, were appointed for that purpose.

The following contributions, for the benefit of the Synodical Funds, were handed in, viz;

Rev. H. Græber—Savage's Church,	- - -	$5 00
St. John's Church,	- - -	8 00
Organ Church,	- - -	2 60
Mr. Dewalt Lentz—Luther's Church,	- -	0 25
Rev. S. Rothrock—Union Church,	- - -	4 00
John's Church,	- - -	3 00
Rev. Jacob Scherer—St. John's Church,	- -	3 00
Zion's Church,	- -	3 00
Kimberling's Church,	-	2 00
St. Paul's Church,	- -	7 70
Burk's Garden Church,	-	1 50

Rev. A. Seechrist—several members on So. Fork,	$0 50
Widow Collep's Church, - - - - -	1 01¼
Rev. William Artz—Richland Church, - -	1 10
Shoemaker's Church, -	0 78¾
Graves's Church, - -	0 86¼
Rev. G. Shober—Hopewell Church, - -	0 75
Total, - - -	$45 06¼

Paid over to the Treasurer, S. Rothrock.

On motion, *Resolved*, That we adjourn until to-morrow morning.

Prayer by the Secretary.

TUESDAY MORNING, MAY 6th—9 *o'clock*.

The Synod resumed its deliberations after singing, and prayer by the Rev. S. Rothrock.

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts, report the state of the treasury to be as follows, viz:

Paid into the treasury at the last Synod, and since,	$151 91¾
Paid out of the treasury, for printing Minutes, &c.	60 97½
Balance remaining, - -	$90 94¼

Paid over to the present Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted. JACOB SCHERER.

Resolved, That the above Report be adopted.

Resolved, That the Treasurer loan out the money on interest, if practicable.

The Committee appointed to examine the President's Report, (No. 1,) beg permission to report as follows:

That they attended to the duty assigned them, and recommend that the extract which they have made be appended to the Minutes: Further, that the Rev. President be excused for his non-attendance at the last session of the General Synod; and, also, that the Rev. William Artz be excused for his absence from the South Carolina Synod, being prevented by family circumstances; but we think his negligence, in not writing to that Reverend body, ought not to be excused. We recommend that the Rev. Mr. Rothrock visit the people in Mocksville as often as practicable; and that the Rev. President visit the congregations in Lincoln County as often as possible during the present year; and that the Rev. Mr. Rothrock visit the same as often as he can.

Respectfully submitted. JACOB SCHERER.

Resolved, That the above Report be adopted.

The Committee appointed to examine No. 2, consisting of letters, reported as follows:

A letter from the Rev. Jacob Miller, in which he requests the

Synod to excuse his absence from its present session, on account of bodily pains and indisposition. During the past year he Baptized 31, and Buried 9. We recommend that he be excused.

A letter from the Rev. Wm. Jenkins, of Tennessee, which we recommend be read before the Synod.

A letter from the Rev. Daniel Scherer, of Illinois, in which he requests the Synod to excuse his absence, on account of family circumstances. The congregation which he has collected in Hillsborough is in a flourishing condition, and prays to be received into connexion with this Synod. We recommend that he be excused, and that the request of his congregation be referred to the Synod.

A letter from the congregation in Rich Valley, in which they lament their destitute situation, and ask assistance from this Synod. We recommend that this Synod endeavor to supply them, as soon as practicable, with occasional, if not regular, preaching.

A letter signed by several individuals, asking information on several questions. We recommend the above letter to the consideration of the Ministerium.

Respectfully submitted. WILLIAM ARTZ.

Resolved, That the above Report be adopted.

The Secretary read the letter addressed to this Synod by the Rev. Wm. Jenkins of Tennessee.

Resolved, That we express our satisfaction on having received his interesting communication, and that his absence be excused.

Resolved, That we express our approbation of the laudable efforts of the Rev. Daniel Scherer, in collecting and organizing a Lutheran congregation in Hillsborough, Illinois.

Resolved, That we receive the same into full connexion with this Synod.

Resolved, That the Rev. Jacob Scherer visit the congregation in Rich Valley as often as he can during the present year.

The Committee appointed to examine No. 5, reported as follows:

No. 5 contains Minutes of other Synods, viz. Hartwick, New York, Virginia, and South Carolina. Your Committee beg leave to report, that they contain nothing in relation to this body. We recommend, as has been our custom heretofore, that a certain number of our Minutes be sent to those Synods, and to every other Lutheran Synod in the United States.

Respectfully submitted. S. ROTHROCK.

Resolved, That the above Report be adopted.

Those persons who were concerned in the sale of the books called "Luther," were requested to make settlement with the Synod, and transmit the proceeds of the same.

The Rev. President reported as follows:

Sold 153 copies, amounting to . . . $18 81¼

Rev. S. Rothrock, the sale of 30 copies, .	3 95
Father Shober sold to the amount of . .	1 15
He has credit for postage, $1 12½, and a balance due him of 2½ cents.	———
The proceeds of the sales amount, in all, to	$22 77¼

On motion, *Resolved*, That we adjourn, to attend to the exercises of divine worship.

The Rev. D. Jenkins preached at the stand, in the English language, from Jeremiah, VIIIth chapter and 20th verse, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."

One O'Clock P. M.

The Synod assembled to prosecute its business.

The Committee appointed to examine the document No. 3 were called upon, and reported as follows:

That it consists of petitions, viz:

A petition from St. Michael's Church, Iredell County, in which they express a desire to be favored with preaching more frequently. We recommend that the Rev. S. Rothrock take charge of the above congregation, and preach in it as often as he can.

A petition from Pilgrim's Church, and the Church at Possumtown, for the labors of D. Jenkins, and that he become their stated minister. Referred to the consideration of the Ministerium.

A petition from Bethel Church, situated in Montgomery County, N. C., for the ministerial labors of the Rev. D. Jenkins among them. Referred to the consideration of the Ministerium.

A petition from the Church at Sandy Creek, Davidson County, N. C., for the labors of the Rev. D. Jenkins. Referred to the consideration of the Ministerium.

A petition from Frederick Collep's Church, Smith County, Va., to obtain the ministerial labors of Rev. D. Jenkins among them. Referred to the Ministerium.

A petition from Beck's Church, Davidson County, N. C., for the services of the Rev. D. Jenkins as a stated minister among them. Referred to the consideration of the Ministerium.

Another from Adam Collep's, Smith County, Va., earnestly requesting this Synod for the ministerial services of Rev. D. Jenkins. Referred to the Ministerium.

A petition from Surry County, N. C., under the care of the Rev. Adam Grimes, for a continuation of his labors among them. We recommend that their request be granted.

A petition from John's Church, Salisbury, N. C., for a continuance of the labors of the Rev. S. Rothrock, and his ordination at the present session. We recommend that the Rev. S. Rothrock continue his labors among them, and that the request for his ordination be referred to the Ministerium.

A request from the Church four miles southwest of Salisbury, called the New Meeting House, to be favored with a continuance of the ministerial services of the Rev. S. Rothrock, and that he be ordained. We recommend that he continue among them, and refer his ordination to the Ministerium.

A petition from Union Church, Rowan County, N. C., for the continuance of the Rev. S. Rothrock among them, and that he be ordained. Likewise, a request to be favored with the next session of this Synod. We recommend that he comply with their request, and refer his ordination to the Ministerium.

A petition from Holston Congregation, in which they make known their destitute situation, and pray to be supplied with a Minister. Referred to the Ministerium.

Submitted with deference. WM. ARTZ.

Resolved, That the above Report be adopted.

The Committee appointed to examine No. 4 was called upon, and reported as follows:

That the documents No. 4 contain letters from the Rev. G. Shober, none of which are of importance to the Synod, except one which is addressed to the Rev. President. We recommend that it be read before the Synod.

Respectfully submitted. ANDREW SEECHRIST.

The Synod expresses its pleasure and satisfaction on having received a letter from its former President, G. Shober.

Resolved, That his absence from this session be excused.

Whereas, the Synod has learned, with feelings of deep regret, that several of the congregations placed under the superintendence of the Rev. Jacob Miller, by its consent at a former session, are receding from the good order and discipline of the Church; that many plants, old and young, are dying away for want of cultivation; and that, in one of them, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper has not been administered in three years:

Resolved, That the President address a letter to the Rev. Jacob Miller, requesting information for this Synod on the following questions:

1st. Whether he intends in future to persist in the charge of the congregations committed to his care?

2d. Whether he intends to continue in connexion with this Synod, and to submit to its regulations?

Resolved, That the sum of $2 be refunded to the Rev. H. Græber, for postage on Minutes of other Synods, letters, &c.

Resolved, That the sum of 50 cents be refunded to the Rev. Wm. Artz, for postage on the Minutes of sister Synods.

Resolved, That a Delegate be appointed to attend the next session of the Synod of South Carolina.

Resolved, That the Rev. President be appointed the Delegate; and, if he cannot attend, that he address a letter in the room of his personal presence.

The Rev. H. Græber, Rev. Jacob Scherer, Rev. S. Rothrock, Christopher Brown, Esq., and Philip Edleman, were chosen Directors of the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, for the term of one year.

Resolved, That this Synod recommend to all the Churches within its jurisdiction to celebrate the 31st of October as a day of thanksgiving and prayer—that day being the anniversary of the glorious Reformation, which, under the auspices of the great Head of the Church, was chiefly effected by the instrumentality of Dr. Martin Luther.

Resolved, That a Special Conference be held at Union Church, Rowan County, N. C., to commence on Saturday before the third Sunday in September.

Resolved, That a Special Conference be held at St. John's Church, Cabarrus County, N. C., to commence on the Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September.

Resolved, That a Special Conference be held at Leonard's Church, Davidson County, N. C., to commence on Saturday before the first Sunday in August.

Resolved, That the transactions of this Synod be printed in the English and German languages.

Resolved, That 400 copies be printed in the English, and 200 in the German.

Resolved, That the Rev. S. Rothrock superintend the printing of the English copies.

Resolved, That the Rev. H. Græber superintend the translation and printing of the Minutes in the German, and that he receive a reasonable compensation.

Written and verbal petitions were received from Union Church, Rowan County—from John's Church, Salisbury—from St. John's Church, Cabarrus County, N. C.—to be favored with the next session of the Synod.

The Members proceeded to ballot; and, on counting the votes, it appeared that John's Church, Salisbury, was chosen.

Resolved, That we meet on the first Sunday in May, 1835.

The time and place of the Ministerial Session being announced, the President commended the Church, and all present, to the guardian care of our Great Shepherd. He thanked the Members of the Synod for their assistance, and the members of the congregation, and other Christian friends, for their kind and hospitable attention to us during our stay among them; and dismissed them, with a blessing.

MINISTERIAL SESSION.

TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 6th.

Opened with prayer, by the President.

The Rev. S. Rothrock handed in a written sermon, and a journal of his labors since last Synod; which were examined and approved.

Resolved, That he be ordained, and that his ordination take place on to-morrow, in St. Paul's Church.

Resolved, That the license of Rev. Adam Grimes be renewed for one year.

Resolved, That the Rev. Daniel Jenkins be examined, and, if approved, that he receive license to preach the Gospel.

The examination having been attended to, it was

Resolved, That he be licensed on to-morrow, and that the ceremony of his licensure take place in St. Paul's Church.

To the question contained in a letter referred to the Ministerium, viz. "Whether the excommunication of immoral persons from the church is in accordance with the Scriptures?"—We answer, that it is: our Lord says, in Matthew, XVIIIth chapter and 15th, 16th, and 17th verses, "If thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone; if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But, if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And, if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church; but, if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as a heathen man and a publican." See, also, St. Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians, Vth chapter and 11th, 12th, and 13th verses. These, together with many other passages of the Word of God, are full and positive for the excommunication of all immoral persons, all notorious and impenitent offenders, from the visible communion of the Church of Christ. Moreover, they are the pest of civil society, creating confusion, discord, and misery, wherever their influence extends; consequently they are not fit for the society of Christians, and do not promote its happiness and prosperity.

To the question "Whether the marriage of a man to the sister of his deceased wife is in accordance with the laws of God, by which we are to be governed in forming matrimonial connections, and whether persons living in this connection are to be admitted to the Christian Sacraments?"—We answer, 1st, That we do not know that the same is positively allowed or positively forbidden in the Word of God, where there is no consanguinity; but, where

there is consanguinity in the parties, marriage is unnatural, and contrary to the divine law: 2d, That we do not feel inclined to countenance such connection: 3d, That persons who have entered into such connection may be admitted to a participation of the ordinances of our Holy Religion, if they possess the requisite moral qualifications, and where there is no judicial interference.

As the Rev. D. Jenkins intends to locate in Davidson County, nothing could be done, at present, for our destitute people in other places.

I certify that the above is a true copy of the proceedings of the Synod and Ministerium of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, convened in St. Paul's Church, Wythe County, Va., May 5th, 1834.

WILLIAM ARTZ, *Secretary.*

ORDINATION AND LICENSURE.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7th, 1834.

The Ministerium and a numerous congregation assembled for the exercises of Divine Worship, and to attend to the ceremonies of Licensure and Ordination.

After a discourse was delivered by the Rev. William Artz, from Numbers, Xth chapter and 29th verse, the applicant, the Rev. S. Rothrock, was addressed by the Rev. President; and, having given his assent to the questions required by the Constitution, the Licentiate kneeled, and was duly set apart and ordained as a Minister of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, after the example of the Apostles, by prayer and the imposition of hands of the Ministry.

The right hand of fellowship was tendered by the President, and by all the Ministers in succession, accompanied by appropriate congratulations.

The ceremony of Licensure was then performed. The applicant, Mr. Daniel Jenkins, presented himself before the Altar. The President gave an affectionate and impressive charge; after which, he proposed the questions required by the Constitution, and, having received answers in the affirmative, he publicly delivered to him his license, and admitted him as a Licentiate in the Gospel Ministry.

The business of the Ministerium being now finished, the Rev. President closed the session with prayer, announced the meeting of "The Missionary and Education Society," and dismissed the congregation by pronouncing the divine blessing.

EXTRACT

FROM THE

Minutes of the Missionary & Education Society,

COMPOSED OF THE MEMBERS OF THE

LUTHERAN SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 7th.

Agreeably to a resolution of the last session, the Society met at St. Paul's Church, Wythe County, Va.

Twenty-two persons subscribed their names as members, among whom were a respectable number of female friends.

An election of Officers for the ensuing year was held; and the following persons were chosen, viz:

Rev. Henry Græber, *President;*
Rev. William Artz, *Secretary;*
Rev. Samuel Rothrock, *Treasurer.*

The following gentlemen were elected Directors, viz: Rev. Jacob Scherer, Rev. Andrew Seechrist, Rev. Daniel Jenkins, Dr. John Stanger, Christopher Brown, Esq., Mr. Dewalt Lentz.

A Committee was appointed to employ a Missionary, composed of the following persons: Rev. H. Græber, Rev. S. Rothrock, and Rev. W. Artz.

A Committee was appointed to examine the Treasurer's account, who reported a balance due the Society, of - - $90 00

A collection at St. Paul's Church, - - -	5 25
Paid by George Sprecher, - - - -	2 00
By the members of Missionary and Education Society at St. Paul's Church, Wythe County, Va. -	11 52½
Collected by D. Jenkins, for the Society, - -	12 16¾
Remaining in the Treasury, - -	$120 94¼

The Rev. D. Jenkins, who was employed by the Committee during part of the past year, read a report of his labors before the Society; which was adopted.

Resolved, That he receive a compensation at the rate of $20 per month.

Resolved, That Jesse Walton, Esquire, Union Church, Rowan County—Benjamin Fraley, John's Church, Salisbury—Theobald Lentz, Organ Church, Rowan County—John Leidecker, Senior, Savage's Church, Rowan County—Daniel Cress, Esq., St. John's Church, Cabarrus County—Michael Smith, Pilgrim's Church, Da-

vidson County—Col. John Smith, Beck's Church, Mr. Swicegood, Swicegood's Church, Davidson County—Michael Holt, Esquire, Graves's Church, Orange Co.—Jacob Boon, Shoemaker's Church, Guilford County—be appointed agents to solicit contributions for the Society.

Resolved, That an extract of the Minutes be printed.

Resolved, That we meet again, in John's Church, Salisbury, at the close of the next session of the Synod.

Dismissed with singing and prayer, and the divine benediction, by the Rev. President.

True extract. WILLIAM ARTZ, *Secretary*.

EXTRACT

FROM

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN:

Under the watchful providence of God, who hath brought us hitherto, we are permitted once more to behold each others' faces with gladness and holy joy. It is by the demonstrations of His loving kindness and tender mercies towards us, that we could assemble again, for the purpose of consulting and deliberating with each other upon subjects connected with the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom. For favors so divine, our hearts cannot help to feel the most humble gratitude to Him who has the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession, and whose kingdom ruleth over all. The events of the past Synodical year become, in some measure, more encouraging than they have been for several years before. Those churches in our connexion, that could be regularly supplied, had not only a considerable increase since our last annual meeting, but are also generally in a prosperous condition. The Gospel has been faithfully preached, and the Holy Ordinances regularly administered. Several Conferences and many Prayer-Meetings have been held in different places; and, under these solemn exercises, we have every reason to believe that sinners became awakened, and believers edified. Sunday-Schools are receiving, within the bounds of our Synod, more general attention. The day of Thanksgiving and Prayer, set apart by a resolution of last Synod, was religiously observed in some of our churches.—There are still a goodly number of small but respectable congregations, that are vacant, within the limits of this Synod, which, if they could be supplied with Ministers, would add considerable

strength to this weak but evangelical member of the Lutheran household of faith. Prospects have also appeared, during the last year, of forming several new congregations. A respectable congregation could, in all probability, be organized in or near Mocksville, (a little village situated between the Forks of the Yadkin, in Rowan County, N. C.) And there are similar prospects of forming new congregations in several other States. Had we Ministers to attend to the wants of these destitute people, provided they could obtain a partial support from some other source for a while, these congregations alone would perhaps give them an adequate support. In consequence of a pressing invitation, I preached at Mocksville in the month of July last, and also paid the members of my former congregations, in Lincoln County, N. C., a visit, in the same month. These dear people, at both places, are desirous to be visited by some Minister of our Synod occasionally, if nothing more can be done for them. About the beginning of November last, the Rev. Daniel Jenkins, of the State of Maryland, made himself known to me, expressing a desire to serve our church in this Southern section, as a Missionary, until the next session of the Synod. I examined him on the subject of Theology, and on other branches of literature, and found that he might be useful. After having consulted the other members of the Missionary Committee, and obtained their consent, I licensed him to itinerate and preach in our destitute churches until the next session of the Ministerium. The Minutes of our last Synodical session, as well as their additional compositions, were ready for the press at an early season, but came out late. This was owing to sickness and deaths that took place among the near relatives of the printer, by which he was prevented, for a considerable time, from attending to his business.

Having been appointed, at the last session of the Synod, a Ministerial Delegate to represent this body at the meeting of the General Synod in October last, however willingly I would have performed the duty assigned me, I found it impracticable to do so. I addressed, however, a letter to that Rev. Body, in the room of my personal presence, in due season. I would also state, before I dismiss the subject of delegation, that I visited the Rev. Classes of the German Reformed Church, in Rowan County, N. C., in the month of May, as a Ministerial Delegate of our Synod, and was received with Christian affection. To reciprocate your favor, they appointed the Rev. W. C. Bennett a Delegate to appear at the present session of our Synod. But, as the time of their meeting comes so near ours, he will probably not find it in his power to do so.

Respecting the books called "Luther," which were remaining on hand as the property of this Synod for many years, they were offered at public sales, at different times and in different places, to

to the highest bidder. They are all sold, as far as I can ascertain, excepting thirty-six copies.

It is very desirable that some of the Brethren should feel a deeper interest, in future, to communicate to the President, in the recess of the Synod, any important events that may occur in their respective fields of action, than they appear to have felt during the past Synodical year.

Having now, my Brethren, discharged the duty of the capacity in which you have placed me, I believe to the best of my ability, I would conclude with this fervent prayer—That Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, may bless all our deliberations, that they may be for good. May all our business be transacted in brotherly love; and may we part in peace to meet again, if not in this world, yet in the kingdom of eternal glory.

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